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LETTER DATED 6 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to bring to your attention the text, in English and French, of a statement on the report by the Secretary-General on "preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping", adopted by the European Community and its member States at Lisbon and Brussels on 30 June 1992.

We should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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Annex

Statement on the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on preventive diplomacy

[Original: English and French]

The European Community and its member States welcome the release of the report by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on "Preventive diplomacy, peacemaking and peace-keeping", pursuant to the statement adopted by the Summit Meeting of the Security Council on 31 January 1992, which represents a highly valuable basis for a thorough reflection among the States Members of the United Nations.

The European Community and its member States attach great political significance to the field of preventive diplomacy, and believe that it is possible to explore the potential of the Charter of the United Nations to foster a deeper and more effective use of its capabilities to defuse potential conflicts at an early stage. In this respect, the Twelve welcome the call for increased activity by the United Nations in preventing conflicts, seeking negotiated and lasting solutions and maintaining peace, as well as an enhanced cooperation with regional organizations.

The European Community and its member States reiterate their commitment to the Charter and look forward to debating the Secretary-General's report in the appropriate "forums".